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TAGS: SREF, VS, JA
SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE BOAT CASE: JAPANESE REFUSE VIETNAMESE
REFUGEES ABOARD FAIRSHIP

1. THE LIBERIAN REGISTERED FREIGHTER FAIRSHIP IS CURRENTLY
A FEW HUNDRED MILES OF HONG KONG CARRYING 14 VIETNAMESE
REFUGEES. THE SHIP RESCUED THE REFUGEES WHILE ENROUTE
TO JAPAN WHERE IT CALLED AT OSAKA, YOKOHAMA AND NAGOYA
MARCH 14-19. ACCORDING TO THE SHIP'S AGENT UNHCR GAVE
ASSURANCE TO JAPANESE AUTHORITIES ON THE CARE AND MAINTANCE
OF THE REFUGEES, ALL OF WHOM ARE UNDER 24, BUT JAPANESE
IMMIGRATION INSISTED THAT LIBERIA GUARANTY ACCEPTANCE OF THE
REFUGEES SHOULD THEY NOT BE RESETTLED ELSEWHERE. WHEN THE
LIBERIAN ASSURANCE WERE NOT FORTHCOMING BEFORE THE SHIP'S
SCHEDULED DEPARTURE, THE SHIP WAS FORCED TO SAIL WITH
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THE VIETNAMESE ABOARD. BOTH HONG KONG AND THE PHILIPPINES
INFORMED THE SHIP'S AGENT THAT THEY WOULD PERMIT THE
REFUGEES TO LAND AND THE SHIP HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO THE
PHILIPPINES.

2. COMMENT: THE OFFER OF BOTH THE PHILIPPINES AND HONG
KONG CAN BE VIEWED AS VERY GENEROUS SINCE THE SHIP WAS BOUND

FOR JAPAN TO DURBIN AND LAGOS AND WAS NOT EXPECTED TO CALL
AT EITHER HONG KONG OR PHILIPPINES. THIS GENEROSITY IS
IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE APPARENT INFLEXABILITY OF THE
JAPANESE WHO, OF ALL THE COUNTRIES IN THIS ARE A, AGO THE
MOST ECONOMICALLY ABLE TO ASSIST AND HAVE BEEN BURDENED THE
LEAST WITH INDOCHINA REFUGEES. IN ORDER TO PROLACT THE
PRINCIPLE OF ACCEPTANCE OF REFUGEES AT THE FIRST PORT OF CALL
IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO URGE UNHCR TO IMPRESS UPON THE JAPANESE
THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THIS PROBLEM.
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